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## Bogota leftists release two hostages

BOGOTA, April 3 (R) — Leftist guerrillas today freed two more of the hostages they are holding in the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogotá, a Colombian Red Cross spokesman said. They were Edgardo Hernandez, a second secretary at the Colombian foreign ministry, and Mario Guzman Cabrales, a citizen of the Dominican Republic living in Colombia, the spokesman said. Their release came hours before Colombian government officials and a woman representative of the M-19 urban guerrillas who stormed the embassy last Feb. 27 were to hold a tenth round of negotiations. It will be the third round of talks in three days, prompting speculation that the deadlock between the guerrillas and the government may soon be broken. The guerrillas originally took an estimated 58 people hostage when they seized the embassy in a hail of gunfire during a reception to mark the Dominican Republic's national day. They have since released 32 people. One of the hostages, the Uruguayan ambassador, escaped.

## Belgian premier offers resignation

BRUSSELS, April 3 (R) — Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Verwilt offered his resignation to King Baudouin today, but was continuing seeking a solution to a political crisis related to the language issue. The king rushed back from a holiday today after yesterday's failure by the senate to approve by a two-thirds majority a key article in constitutional that would give more autonomy to Dutch and French-speaking regions. The crisis for the centre-left coalition of Socialists and Socialists is caused by a new flare-up in the language between 5.5 million Dutch speakers in the north and French speakers in the south and Brussels. It erupted when Dutch-speaking Social Christian senators voted yesterday against the government-sponsored article because they felt it did not guarantee future guarantees for the Dutch-speaking of Brussels.

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## Regional Briefs

April 3 (R) — Eighteen South Yemenis were today consoling for Iraq and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 15 years, the official Aden News Agency said. The members of the banned Arab Baath Socialist Party in men, had spied on the country and on liberation movements, the agency said. The agency said four men were 15 years each, eight to 10 years each and six to five years each were arrested after an Iraqi professor, Dr. Towfiq al-Hadidi, was assassinated in Aden last June. The government then denied by Iraq — that Iraqi security guards at the had murdered the professor, according to the agency.

April 3 (R) — Saboteurs last night blew up a water previously used for oil, in the southwestern oil capital of the official Paris News Agency reported. It quoted the Saboteurs there as warning against the catastrophe could be caused by an oil pipeline within a city and saying it continued to fight against the bombers.

April 3 (AP) — Ten Tunisian soldiers were killed when a helicopter crashed following a mission for the protection of the official Paris News Agency reported. It quoted the Saboteurs there as warning against the catastrophe could be caused by an oil pipeline within a city and saying it continued to fight against the bombers.

April 3 (R) — Arab League Secretary General Chadli el-Khuli visited Saudi Arabia today, on the second leg of his official Saudi Press Agency said. The agency quoted el-Khuli as saying the aim of his tour was to bring Arab points of view together and to consult with Arab leaders on matters of the 22-nation Arab League. In Baghdad, Mr. Khuli also discussed Arab League preparations for an Arab summit conference in Amman later this year, the Iraqi agency reported. Mr. Khuli will also visit Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, the Saudi agency said.

April 3 (Agencies) — A U.S. Congressional delegation led by Speaker Thomas O'Neill arrived here last night at the start of an Easter recess tour that will also take it to Yugoslavia and Iran. Mr. O'Neill and his group will have meetings with Prime Minister Muammar Qaddafi and other officials. In the process of approving a \$25 million aid package to the 22-nation Arab League. In Baghdad, Mr. Khuli also discussed Arab League preparations for an Arab summit conference in Amman later this year, the Iraqi agency reported. Mr. Khuli will also visit Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain, the Saudi agency said.

April 3 (R) — Egypt's population reached 42 million at the end of this month, an increase of 1.2 million (2.9 per cent) over April 1 last year, it was announced today. The high means that 43 per cent of the population are under the age of 15, the announcement by the central agency for public information and statistics said. The government recently started a campaign to encourage birth control and hopes to build new cities to accommodate the rising population. Only 5.5 per cent of Egypt is habitable. The rest is desert.

April 3 (R) — U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Lewis W. Allen met Egyptian Chief of Staff Ahmed Badawi and Air Commander Abdul Moneim Shaker, U.S. embassy officials discussed military cooperation between Egypt and the United States, the officials said. Gen. Allen arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit during which he will visit two airbases in the Sinai. Commander of the U.S. Air Force Tactical Training Wing William Creech paid a similar visit to Egypt last month. Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Gen. Allen will leave on Saturday for Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Zaire.

April 3 (AP) — Iraq and Sudan have agreed to diplomatic relations on ambassadorial level, the Iraqi agency reported yesterday. Sudan cut off relations with Iraq after charging Iraq of instigating disorders in the Sudan and of Khartoum. A Sudanese envoy arrived in Baghdad yesterday carrying a message from President Jaafar Numeiri expressing a proposal by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for a charter to bar foreign troops and military bases from Iraq in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Iran. The agency said that in his message President Hussein expressed the wish to resume diplomatic relations between the two countries. "President Hussein, during his reception of the Sudanese envoy (State Minister Abu Bakr Osman, state for cabinet affairs), expressed Iraq's response to this the agency added.

## Iran delays decision on transfer of U.S. hostages

TEHRAN, April 3 (R) — Foreign Minister Sadeq Qoutbadeh tonight emerged from a crucial meeting of Iran's ruling Revolutionary Council and said the government needed further clarification of President Jimmy Carter's position before undertaking to take control of the American hostages here.

Mr. Qoutbadeh told reporters: "Carter's assurances are not enough and we are seeking more clarification."

The ruling Revolutionary Council met tonight to decide whether assurances so far received from Washington that it would refrain from pressuring Iran on the hostage issue met President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr's conditions for a transfer of the 49 captive Americans.

The foreign minister said that, for the time being, no firm decision had been taken on whether or not the transfer of the hostages from the control of their student captors would take place.

Spokesmen for the students earlier told Reuters they would abide by whatever decision was taken by the Revolutionary Council at tonight's meeting.

Asked when a final decision by the Revolutionary Council could be expected, Mr. Qoutbadeh said: "Probably Sunday."



Smiling King Hassan II of Morocco (right) is warmly greeted by Pope John Paul during a private audience at the Vatican Wednesday night. (AP wirephoto)

## King Hassan, Pope discuss Jerusalem

ROME, April 3 (R) — King Hassan II of Morocco met Pope John Paul yesterday for a 50-minute private audience on the future status of Jerusalem. "I am very satisfied," the king told reporters before flying back to Paris, from where he arrived earlier yesterday on his brief visit. "The Holy Father understands perfectly that the moment has come when followers of the three monotheistic religions: Muslims, Christians and Jews, must meet in Jerusalem not to fight but to try to hold a spiritual patrimony in common, to share in tranquility and world peace."

King Hassan came to the Vatican in his capacity as president of the 42-nation Islamic Conference Organisation's committee on Jerusalem.

Earlier, the Pope spoke of his hopes for "a creative solution that would be imminent, definitive, guaranteed and would respect the rights of all." He gave no indication of how such a solution might be reached, but spoke of new contacts after meeting King Hassan.

## Jordan accuses Israel of torpedoing U.N. resolution

Special to the Jordan Times

UNITED NATIONS, April 3 — Jordan today accused Israel of torpedoing United Nations resolutions on the Palestinians.

Speaking at the Security Council's resumed debate on the Palestinian question, Ambassador Hazem Nuseibeh said that the Zionist state "in letter and spirit, has by words and deeds torpedoed Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, as well as long standing United Nations resolutions on Palestinian national and individual rights."

"What the esteemed Security Council is seized with in the current deliberations is, in the simplest terms, the ongoing and relentless cannibalisation of Palestinian rights, and hence, the very fate and survival of the Palestinian people. What does the international community propose to do to restore them to the mainstream of international existence, as we witness the final chapter of their agonising demise being written blatantly, openly, admittedly and full speed by their tormentors?" Dr. Nuseibeh said.

He said the question of Jerusalem is the "heart and soul" of the entire Palestine and Middle East situation.

The destiny of Holy Jerusalem can under no circumstances be forsaken, he added.

Dr. Nuseibeh said: "When the United States abstained on Security Council Resolution 452 in July 1979, which condemned Israeli settlements in the occupied

territories, including Jerusalem, it explained its abstention on grounds of including Arab Jerusalem as an occupied territory."

He said a similar difficulty seemed to have arisen in relation to the mention of Jerusalem last month in Resolution 465 of 1980.

"If the said references to Jerusalem, in the two resolutions, were merely references to the status of Jerusalem or its future, then reservations would have been understandable but Arab Jerusalem is considerably larger than the 1967 shrunken Jerusalem mistakenly named Israeli, is owned as designated in the zoning boroughs and municipalities within the international corpus separatum decided upon by the General Assembly," he said.

Dr. Nuseibeh said time was Israel's most precious commodity, enabling it to bring in new immigrants, sequester as much land as it could and absorb and fulfil its designs to take over the whole of Palestine and well beyond, as circumstances permitted.

It was incumbent upon the council to take action on recommendations by the U.N.'s committee on Palestinian rights, which were a synthesis of U.N. resolutions in the light of present conditions, he said.

Ambassador Nuseibeh said the Israelis must stop acting "over-obsessed" with claims about security, and should recognise their "guilt" in destroying the lives of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Saib Bafi of Iraq told the council his country was profoundly concerned by the decision of the Zionist authorities to "establish two so-called live-in schools" in Hebron, in the occupied West Bank.

The "Zionist entity" alone would bear full responsibility for the grave consequences of its expansionist policy, he said.

Mr. Bafi said the Security Council was continuously prevented from taking action against Israel's "sinister and defiant policies," because the U.S. used, or threatened to use its veto in any decision "against its pampered and protected protégé."

Quoting a number of principles contained in Iraq's national charter proclaimed in February, he said they did not apply to Israel because "the Zionist entity is not considered a state, but a deformed entity occupying an Arab territory."

Egypt said it would spare no efforts to achieve Palestinian rights and challenged critics of the Camp David accords to come up with a better alternative for achieving that goal.

Ambassador Ahmad Esmat Abdul Maguid said that in the

records, "Egypt extracted, for the first time from Israel, a pledge to recognise the legitimate right of the Palestinian people and resolve the Palestinian question in all its aspects."

The Security Council debate, which began on Monday, has been in recess for the past two days.

Diplomatic sources said that because of an imminent U.S. veto they expected no resolution to be put forward at the present time and that after hearing a number of additional speakers the council would defer further action for about three months.

The sources said that any resolution calling for Palestinian statehood would fire better after a summit meeting of the European Economic Community in Venice, scheduled for June 12 and 13, at which the Palestinian question is to be discussed.

The western members of the council regard the present debate as ill-timed and diplomatic sources said none of them would vote for a resolution if it were introduced now.

## Chad civil war rivals ignore ceasefire pleas

PARIS, April 3 (R) — Opposing sides in the Chad civil war appeared determined today to ignore international pleas for a ceasefire and to fight to a finish, French officials said.

Street battles in the devastated capital of N'Djamena intensified as the conflict approached its third week, providing a sombre background for a conference of African foreign ministers that opened in Paris.

Ministers and officials of 26 nations, most of them French-speaking, met to prepare for a Franco-African summit in Niamey on May 8 and 9, which assumes particular importance in the 20th anniversary year of independence for France's former African colonies.

Diplomats said that although the main thrust of the two-day conference was economic, the ministers were deeply concerned by the Chad tragedy and they might decide to issue some form of collective appeal for an end to the war.

Chad, one of the world's 10 poorest countries, had known little peace since it gained independence from France. The latest convulsion has caused over 3,000 casualties and forced tens of thousands of people to seek refuge in northern Cameroon.

French officials today studied the implications of a report from the Libyan Jamahiriyah that Chad President Goukouni Oueddei, who appears to be losing ground in the battle for supremacy in N'Djamena, had appealed for assistance to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

President Goukouni's People's Armed Forces (FAP), backed by several other factions, are ranged against the Armed Forces of the North (FAN) commanded by Defence Minister Hissene Habre.

French sources consider that what the FAN lacks in numbers it more than makes up in discipline and training.

One assessment in Paris of the brief report by the official Libyan News Agency was that Col. Qadhafi was letting the Goukouni side know that an appeal for assistance would be answered favourably.

There were persistent reports here that fresh elements loyal to Chad Foreign Minister Aeyl Ahmad were moving south from bases in the Libyan Jamahiriyah to join in the battle against Mr. Habre in N'Djamena.

Chad's representative at the Paris conference, Justice Minister Djona Golo, today charged that Egypt was sending military supplies overland to Mr. Habre's forces, whose strongholds are close to Chad's frontier with Sudan.

## Israel detains leading Palestinian Gush Emunim urges West Bank annexation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 3 (Agencies) — Israel today detained a leading Palestinian activist for questioning, and Israeli ultra-nationalists called on the government to annex the occupied West Bank.

In continuing efforts to quell the wave of unrest in the occupied West Bank, Israeli authorities called Dr. Ahmad Natshe to the military police headquarters in Bethlehem after he allegedly made an anti-Israeli speech at a Palestinian rally in the West Bank town of Hebron yesterday.

Dr. Natshe, a leading West Bank communist, was exiled in 1976 for anti-Israeli activities, and was readmitted in 1978 on condition that he stay out of politics. But military sources said there were no plans to exile him again, despite the questioning.

Meanwhile, demonstrators from the right-wing Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) movement gathered at the government press headquarters to call on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to cancel his summit talks on Palestinian autonomy with U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington later this month. Israel Radio estimated the number of demonstrators at about 2,000.

The demonstrators, many of them settlers of Jewish outposts in the West Bank, carried signs demanding that Mr. Begin move to annex the occupied territories, and refuse to make concessions that might rivify the stalled negotiations with Egypt on self-rule for the 1.2 million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza.

The settlers marched to the prime minister's office to show their solidarity with a group of settlers who are holding a hunger strike there, to demand that Mr. Begin change Israeli law to apply to the settlements in the occupied area.

Following Israel's decision to permit Jewish residence in Hebron, about 40 kilometres south of Jerusalem, and with the summit meeting approaching in another 10 days, tensions have been mounting in the West Bank among Palestinians on the one hand, and Jewish settlers on the other.

The military government set up roadblocks yesterday to prevent the settlers from holding a rally in the centre of Hebron, and broke up a number of demonstrations — some of which erupted into rock-throwing protests by Arabs. Dr. Natshe was arrested at one of the demonstrations, and later released for the night.

In Gaza, troops closed about a

dozen shops on a street where an Arab had tossed a hand grenade at an Israeli car on Monday.

Mr. Begin has said he will resist pressure from President Carter to halt Jewish settlement of the West Bank while the autonomy talks continue.

Israel's chief autonomy negotiator, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, told Israel Radio today that the talks would be accelerated next week in an effort to achieve some progress before May 26, when the sides are supposed to reach agreement.

Israeli settlement authorities, meanwhile, began work on the site of a new Jewish village near Jericho in the Jordan River Valley.

Military sources said the new settlement was to be called Mitze Jericho "B" and that the government had authorised a settlement at the site more than a year ago.

Dr. Natshe today accused Israeli soldiers of attacking him and his wife during the Hebron demonstration.

Speaking to reporters after his release on bail today, Dr. Natshe denied military officers' allegations that he had tried to incite demonstrators yesterday. "I was attacked savagely, without reason, together with my wife," he said.

Dr. Natshe said he would complain to Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and demand an investigation.

Dr. Natshe's lawyer, Mrs. Felicia Langer, said she had awakened a Supreme Court justice late last night to protect her client from immediate deportation. When he was exiled in 1976, the Israeli authorities sent him across the Jordan River less than an hour before the court was to hear an appeal in his case.

## Senegal accords PLO office diplomatic status

DAKAR, April 3 (Agencies) — Senegal has decided to accord diplomatic status to the office here of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), the foreign affairs ministry announced.

A ministry statement said the government had made this decision to "strengthen its support for the PLO, the only true representative of the Palestinian people."

It added that the PLO representation in Dakar would enjoy all the privileges and immunities normally accorded to diplomatic missions.

Meanwhile, the Dutch government confirmed today that a top Dutch foreign ministry official met with a representative of the PLO last week, the first such meeting in the Dutch diplomatic capital of The Hague.

A ministry spokesman confirmed a Dutch newspaper report today that the representative, Dr. Issam Sartawi, met the head of the ministry's African and Middle East affairs department, Dr. Naboth van Dijk, last week.

It was the first high-level official meeting between the Dutch government and the PLO in the Netherlands, although Dr. van Dijk met a member of the organization's central committee in Damascus several days ago.

The spokesman said the Dutch government regarded the PLO as an important representative of the Palestinian people but not its only representative. During the talks with Dr. Sartawi, the PLO's representative in Brussels, Dr. van Dijk had stressed the need for the PLO to scrap its call for the destruction of the state of Israel, he added.

Last November the Dutch parliament passed a resolution stating that contacts with the PLO should not be shunned but used to persuade the PLO to recognise Israel's right to exist behind secure borders.

Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klauw, who approved the contact, told the newspaper Trouw today that while Holland still does not recognise the PLO, contacts can serve to prod both sides in the Middle East to modify their positions and reach an overall settlement.

He said he is convinced the PLO has abandoned its view that Israel must cease to exist, even if that declaration still exists in the PLO charter.



special envoy Butros Ghali hands over a letter from President Anwar Sadat to Prime Minister Gandhi at her office in New Delhi Thursday. Dr. Ghali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, is on a two-day official visit to India. He held a 40-minute meeting with the Indian leader.

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## Saudi Arabia donates JD 3m to Amman Municipality

By Sara O'Neil  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 3 -- Today was a red-letter day for the recently appointed Mayor of Amman, Mr. Isam Ajlouni, when he received a JD 3 million contribution to help develop municipal services.

Sheikh Abdullah Al Nu'aimi, mayor of Saudi Arabia's capital city Riyadh, on a visit to Amman as guest of Mr. Ajlouni, presented him with a cheque for the amount in the presence of the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, this morning.

The magnanimous gesture came as a result of a short visit he made here last month. Realising how short of funds Amman municipality was, he recommended to his government that such a donation be made, although Amman and Riyadh have not been linked in the past by anything stronger than a customary annual exchange of visits between the mayors of the two cities.

Sheikh Abdullah was rewarded for his initiative by His Majesty King Hussein, who bestowed on him the Al Istiqlal medal of the first order. The medal was presented to him on the King's behalf by Mr. Sulaiman Arar, minister of state for prime ministry affairs at a lunch in the Sheikh's honour at the Sports City attended by a number of cabinet ministers and Saudi diplomats.

Later in the afternoon, Sheikh Abdullah and Mr. Ajlouni visited two of Amman's poorest districts, Hai Nazal and South Hashemi in order for the Saudi mayor to get a glimpse of two examples of self-help programmes for ordinary citizens initiated by Mr. Ajlouni.

At Hai Nazal the party was briefed on the activities of the youth centre which has been built and is run by students from the University of Jordan's sociology department in collaboration with the local community. The young people who attend the centre all helped to build it. The project, which was initiated by Dr. Sari Nasser, head of the sociology department, was supported from the beginning by Mr. Ajlouni, then Minister of Labour.

The mayor of Riyadh presented Hai Nazal centre with a token gift in support of their activities.

In South Hashemi, the mayor of Riyadh witnessed another kind of self-help programme, initiated by Mr. Ajlouni in the last two months. Two of Amman's least developed areas have been singled out as pilot projects for popular participation in building up municipal services, in line with the new government's policy of drawing ordinary people into actively participating in the running of local councils.

The people of Hashemi -- a division of Basman district in northern Amman where certain



The mayor of Riyadh, Sheikh Abdullah Al Nu'aimi (third from left) presents a donation of JD 3 million Thursday to Mr. Isam Ajlouni, the mayor of Amman (second from left) to help fund municipality projects, in the presence of Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Sharaf.

basic amenities such as sewerage system are completely lacking -- had already met with the mayor and a team of engineers from the municipality last month. At a subsequent meeting last week they were told to form a committee of representatives to meet officially with the municipal team.

The object of today's meeting was for the mayor and his technical team -- which included Asad Abu Zayyad, technical adviser to the mayor, and heads of various departments including roads and zoning -- to hear from the committee a list of the community's priority needs and to start discussion on how both sides can work together to fulfil these needs.

Urgent problems identified by the Hashemi spokesmen included the need for resurfacing the district's roads, repairing the water supply pipe network, and installing a sewerage system and adequate means for waste disposal. A new entrance to the area from the main Zarqa-downtown Amman road is needed since the new inner ring road now under construction will have the effect of cutting off South Hashemi from the northern part. Traffic lights, a children's playground and a terminus for service taxis were also listed as urgent needs.

Mr. Ajlouni explained to the residents that Hashemi has been allocated JD 500,000 for this year alone, JD 250,000 for each of South and North Hashemi. "We will try to solve what we can," he said cautiously, and promised that a new entrance road to the area would be opened.

Mr. Abu Zayyad announced that a portion of the money for this year would be spent on constructing new roads, retaining walls and culverts. Three kilometres of major roads will be kilometre and maintenance carried out on other roads.

The municipality will not commit itself to other projects until a thorough survey of the community's needs, whether social,

## Ziad Abu 'Ein transferred to prison infirmary

CHICAGO, April 3 (AP) -- Ziad Abu 'Ein, the young Palestinian facing extradition to Israel, has been placed under medical observation during a jail hunger strike.

Authorities said Mr. Abu 'Ein, 20, was transferred Wednesday from his quarters in the city's federal jail to the institution's infirmary. He has consumed only two glasses of water a day since he began his fast on Friday night.

Ziad Abu 'Ein has been accused by Israel of planting a timebomb in a crowded Tiberias marketplace last May. Two people were killed and more than a score of other persons injured as a result of the explosion.

U.S. federal authorities arrested Mr. Abu 'Ein last summer while he was visiting his sister's home in Chicago. After several weeks of extradition hearings, U.S. Magistrate Olga Jurca ordered Mr. Abu 'Ein transferred to the custody of Israel law enforcement officials.

Mr. Abu 'Ein's lawyers had argued that there is insufficient evidence linking their client to the bombing and that the crime he was charged with was political in nature.

The U.S.-Israeli extradition treaty bars transfers of persons accused of political crimes.

The magistrate ruled that the bombing was a "random act of violence" that could not have had any direct effect on the Israeli government.

A U.S. District Court judge recently upheld the ruling, but delayed the extradition until an appeal can be presented to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

## Easter celebration begin in Jerusalem but Copts cancel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 3 (Agencies) -- Catholic pilgrims celebrated pontifical mass in the Church of The Holy Sepulchre this Maundy Thursday to commemorate Jesus' preparations for his betrayal and crucifixion.

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Monsignor Giacomo Giuseppe Beltrini, led the early morning mass near the mausoleum covering the cave revered as the Holy Tomb. Later celebrations in the church include the washing of the feet of 12 priests, a candlelit service of darkness and procession to the room of the Last Supper.

Thousands of pilgrims thronged Jerusalem's old city streets and snarled traffic outside the 16th century walls. Easter celebrations by the Catholic and Western churches coincide this year with the Eastern Orthodox Easter and with the Jewish Passover holiday.

Workers repairing sewerage systems in the old city halted work this week and hastily covered open trenches on the Via Dolorosa, along which an unusually large crowd of pilgrims is expected to make the Good Friday procession retracing Christ's march to Golgotha.

Easter celebrations culminate with a midnight pontifical mass and morning mass at the tomb on Easter Sunday.

Meanwhile Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate in Jerusalem decided to cancel Easter celebrations

this year restricting them to performance of religious only. It said this measure is the Israeli occupation authorities seizure of Coptic sanctuaries in the city. On April 25, 1970 Israeli authorities seized Coptic churches and holy places in Sultan in occupied Jerusalem.

## New cigarette tax proposed

AMMAN, April 3 (JT) -- Minister Mr. Zuhair Malhi proposed imposing new tax on cigarettes in Jordan. The proposal, submitted to the cabinet for consideration, call for a between five to 10 fils to the of each cigarette packet, to direct the money to the Ministry of Health for use in financing schemes in Jordan.

At Raii newspaper today, the minister suggested setting laboratories to test and detect the amount of nicotine cigarettes consumed here, idea is to limit the nicotine intake with a resolution the Arab health ministers at their fifth session held in last month, and in accordance recommendations of the World Health Organisation, revenues gained should finance campaigns against cancer diseases and establish special centres to such diseases, he said.

## Tactics

IT LOOKS as if we may, in the coming weeks, be witnessing some interesting tactical manoeuvres on the part of Egypt as the May 26 deadline for the almost certain breakdown of the "autonomy" negotiations with Israel draws nearer.

Could it be, we must ask ourselves, that the Egyptian parliament and people, perhaps even the Egyptian government, have woken up to the prospect of the unpleasant consequences such a breakdown will entail as far as Egypt's position in the Arab World is concerned?

The Egyptian parliament has certainly stirred things up in Israel with its resolution on Jerusalem, passed on Tuesday, rejecting "with determination" all "Israeli attempts and measures aimed at changing the legal status of the holy city as well as its demographic composition and geographic aspect," and reaffirming the "sacred attachment to the city of the Egyptian people as well as millions of Muslims and Christians throughout the world."

This is not the sort of thing the Israelis expect to hear out of Egypt, just when they thought they had neutralised that once vibrant heart of the Arab body politic. Even in President Sadat's somewhat monolithic model of democracy, the Egyptian parliament must be accepted as having a constituency among the broad Egyptian masses. What is more, the Cairo government itself came out only a few hours later to back up the resolution and reiterate its view that the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem is illegal and its policy of settling Jerusalem and the other occupied territories was "a violation of the spirit and the letter of the Camp David accords."

These revelations come a bit late in the day, and the Egyptian government may still be viewing things through the Camp David prism -- or appearing to, at least -- but we think these moves are precursors of an Egyptian strategy to disengage itself from the disastrous "autonomy" procedure before it is too late.

Certainly the reaction from Israel tends to cast the Egyptian moves in such a light; even that great "moderate" and "conciliator" Mr. Abba Eban came flapping out of his dovecote to shriek that the Israeli parliament must convene in special session posthaste to declare once again that "Jerusalem will remain Israel's eternal capital."

If this is a bit of tactics on Egypt's part, the choice of Jerusalem as the issue on which to take a stand is entirely appropriate -- although it is far from being the only aspect of the Palestine question which Egypt has compromised so dangerously in going along with the Camp David scheme to date. Those compromises will require some undoing, but let us see if it cannot be done.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI: Now that there has been a U.S. official request to the European Economic Community (EEC) to "freeze" their current approach to the Palestinian issue, it will become clear whether the EEC position is a truly independent one or whether they are not yet able to free themselves from American influence. If the EEC countries are able to say "no" to Washington's request then they will face the U.S. with one of two alternatives: either allow the Security Council to pass a resolution in favour of the political rights of the Palestinian people in accordance with the international will, or expect a draft resolution at the U.N. General Assembly providing for the suspension of Israel's membership of the world body, due to its settlement policy and its rejection of Palestinian rights.

The premeditated U.S. call for the freezing of the Palestinian issue will provide the suitable climate for this draft resolution.

The European group has the opportunity to do a lot to support Palestine. The next few days will reveal whether it has the will to take up the role it has promised the Arabs of helping them achieve a just and comprehensive settlement.

COLUMBIAN JUMA'A HAMMAD writes in Al Rai Thursday: The new Kuwait oil policy which aims at cutting down oil production and lowering oil sales to the West, although this reduction was limited to within 25 per cent, is laudable. Other Arabs should follow suit whatever the risks and temptations are. This policy is the beginning of an affirmation that the Arab oil reserves belong to Arabs alone and not the superpower which openly declares that it will send its fleets to protect it. It is Arab property to be exchanged with what they need from the rest of the world and it is their recognised contribution to human civilisation and progress.

AL DUSTOUR: In the absence of effective Arab action, the escalation of struggle within and surrounding the occupied Arab territories becomes a duty imposed on the Palestinian people. We think that this people, which has gained the respect of the international community, is able to shoulder the burdens of this duty -- whatever the sacrifices are.

The continuous struggle of the citizens in the occupied Arab territories against occupation authorities and their practices -- which violate international charters and laws -- constitutes a test and reminder to the other Arabs to translate their slogans into action. The occupation itself is challenging the rest of the Arabs to do something instead of waiting for solutions to come from outside.

If the United Nations -- despite its numerous resolutions -- has not succeeded in breaking down Israeli intransigence then the Palestinian struggle must not be left to Camp David or to Europe but must be taken up directly by the Palestinians themselves. Other Arabs, wherever they are, should be assured that the national right they are appealing for will not become a reality unless it is established by force. This is the decisive element in attaining this right.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Save the animals

Dear Sir:

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### Pen friends wanted

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I am a Pakistani Muslim male, age 27. Hobbies: photography, travel and languages. Can correspond in Arabic, English and Persian. All the letters will be answered.

Yours faithfully,

Khalid Rashid Sager

P.O. Box 4771  
Doha, Qatar

March 15, 1980.

## Local News Briefs

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The Minister of Reconstruction and Development, Dr. Omar Nabulsi, and the Minister of Municipal, Rural and Environmental Affairs, Dr. Jamal Sha'er, today discussed with Mr. John Tanner, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) in Jordan, environmental and hygienic conditions in refugee camps. During a meeting held at Baqa'a refugee camp they also discussed water, sewerage and development projects in the camps, and the possibility of improving UNRWA's services. They agreed to prepare a priority list for projects to be implemented in the light of UNRWA's budget and to investigate the possibility of finding other sources of financing. Mr. Tanner said during the meeting that, due to the deficit in allocations, UNRWA's services are not sufficient and do not meet basic environmental needs.

AMMAN, April 3 (JT) -- Three people died and four others were injured in a total of 16 incidents which occurred in Jordan over the past 24 hours. One of four road accidents resulted in one death and the injury of three others. Food poisoning was responsible for the death of a four-year old girl. A police source said a ten-year old boy drowned when he fell into a water well in Karak. Among other incidents was one that happened on the Azraq-Zarqa road. A Saudi motorist gave a lift to a Jordanian. When they reached Zarqa the Jordanian got off, but the Saudi driver discovered missing of a number of prayer beads on gold chains that he had left lying in the car. Police were informed and they apprehended the culprit and retrieved the stolen items.

BAGHDAD, April 3 (R) -- Iraqi and Jordanian civil aviation officials conferred in Baghdad today on increasing flights between the two countries, the Iraqi News Agency reported. It said the talks also dealt with Arab candidatures to the board of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The Irbid Electricity Company's project for boosting power in the city five fold will raise voltage from 6,600 to 33,000 after a new underground cable system is completed in almost 18 months, the company's director, Mr. Muhammad Arafat, said. Work on the project is expected to start in August and will cost nearly JD 600,000. Mr. Arafat said the company has acquired 16 plots of land to construct electricity distribution stations around the city. A tender for the project was floated last week.



AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf today visited the Ministry of Agriculture and a number of its departments. He started the inspection tour with a call on the Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Qasem Al Rimawi, (third from left in picture above) who briefed him on his ministry's programmes. At the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, the Prime Minister was briefed on programmes for marketing agricultural products locally and abroad, particularly in Arab states and Europe. Nearly 500,000 tonnes of vegetables and fruits are sold abroad every year and, earn the country nearly JD 18 million annually. Most products are transported in refrigerated trucks.

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The Water Supply Corporation (WSC) today presented to the National Planning Council its second five-year plan which will be included in the country's next five year economic plan. The WSC plan, to be considered by special committees preparing the national plan, comprises 60 projects which will cost JD 40 million, WSC Director Mr. Sa'id Bino said. With the completion of the projects, he added, drinking water will have reached 98 per cent of Jordan.

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils decided to grant to the village council of Al Za'atari in the Mafraq governorate a loan of JD 30,000. The money will finance the construction of two schools in the village.



AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- His Majesty King Hussein today met the commander in chief of the Jordan armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sa'ad Zaid Ibn Shaker, (pictured above) at the army headquarters. They discussed a number of subjects pertaining to the armed forces.

AMMAN, April 3 (JT) -- The Speaker of the Upper House Parliament, Mr. Bahjat Talhounei, leaves for Oslo Saturday to attend the Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings which start on April 7. Talhounei will be leading a delegation of five members. The Union based in Geneva, aims at promoting personal contacts among members of the world's parliaments with a view to establish and develop democratic institutions and to advance international peace cooperation.

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- President of the University of Jordan, Nasereddin Al Assad returned to Amman yesterday at the end of a four-week visit to Britain where he met with presidents of 16 universities and acquainted himself with teaching methods and programmes. Dr. Assad also participated in the First Biennial Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan which was held at Old University.

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The director of tourism, Mr. Mick Hamarneth, today urged tour and travel agencies in Jordan to participate in international exhibitions and tourist conferences where they find the opportunity of boosting tourism in Jordan. He is speaking with representatives of Jordanian tour and travel agencies at a meeting called for reviewing of promoting tourism in the country. They also discussed a number of subjects included in a working paper which will be considered by the board of the tour and travel association at the end of next month.

AMMAN, April 3 (JNA) -- The director of commercial education, the Ministry of Education, Mr. Ibrahim Qusai, returned to Amman today at the end of a two-week visit to Britain. During the visit studied regulations and methods adopted by a number of commercial institutes and schools in Britain. Mr. Qusai will be preparing comprehensive study on promoting commercial education in Jordan. This will involve training staff, improving methods of teaching, introducing commercial school in the country, Mr. Qusai said.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Architecture Exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Embassy of India, presents an exhibition commemorating the 15th century of the Hijra on Islamic architecture in India. The exhibition is on display at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture & Youth until April 6.

### Art exhibition

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Department of Culture and Arts, presents an exhibition of paintings, drawing prints, ceramics and sculpture by the students of the Fine Arts Centre. The exhibition is open until April 5.

### Book Exhibition

On the occasion of National Book Week, the Department of National Libraries, Documents and Archives presents an exhibition of children's books, including works by Jordanian authors their premises, New Insurance Building, Third Circle, Jabal Amman. Open all day, except Friday.



## Fuheis wins long fight to get cement dust out of its air

By Ron Cathell  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, April 3 — It will have taken Fuheis residents three years to get the cement dust of their air, but by August this task will be accomplished.

It hasn't been easy. The cement is in the form of fine dust that spews from the furnace stacks of the Jordan Cement Factories Company at Fuheis. For three years the residents of Fuheis and nearby Mahis have fought with the factory's operators to clean up the air. But it wasn't until the government stepped in and appointed new directors to run the factory that real progress was made.

"By August nearly 100 per cent of the dust in the air will be removed by very efficient filtering systems on the stacks," Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment, Dr. Jamal Sha'er, told the Jordan Times.

Filters will be installed on the four existing stacks, one more

stack now under construction will have filters built, and when the sixth furnace is added by 1983, with a filter, the original three furnaces will be dismantled, he said.

Dr. Sha'er became involved in the issue of cement factory pollution before becoming minister, while he was a member of the National Consultative Council.

The issue was brought to the attention of the government and the NCC in 1977 when the mayor of Fuheis sent a letter to the prime minister complaining of air pollution affecting the area within a three-kilometre radius from the factory. He said it posed a health hazard and had to be dealt with.

The mayor also complained about the factory polluting the town's water and ruining the main road that leads into Fuheis. But he acknowledged that most of the road damage was caused by the heavy trucks owned by the company that worked the quarry at the south end of town.

The mayor asked that the factory stop polluting the air, stop emptying its waste water in the open creek that runs through the town, and contribute — along with the company operating the quarry — towards repairing the road.

"The prime minister looked into the matter and soon realised that the mayor's requests were fair and justified," Dr. Sha'er said.

Meanwhile, environmentally conscious NCC members, like Dr. Sha'er, began studying the problem of pollution and the operations of the cement factory.

In 1978 the government, being the major shareholder in the company, took action, as it is permitted to do by law. It purged the entire administration and board, and then appointed well qualified, honest administrators to run the business.

By this time Fuheis and Mahis residents had become educated on environmental matters and had organised a strong lobby to present their case. The Royal society for the Conservation of Nature issued a report on the effects of the air and water pollution. The minister of health, then Mr. Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh, recommended



The Jordan Cement Factories Company is important big industry for Jordan, but it pollutes the air and water of the town of Fuheis. Finally action has been taken to deal with the problem.

that an out-patient clinic be built at the factory to serve both the workers and the community. And a group of NCC members, led by Dr. Sha'er, visited the factory and Fuheis. They drew three conclusions: the factory should stay, because there is a need for this kind of big industry; the pollutants should be minimised immediately and stopped completely as soon as possible, and the residents of the area have a right to share some of the fruits of the factory's success.

Fuheis residents had been complaining that the beautiful sparkling creek that used to run through the middle of the town had become a health hazard because the cement factory pumped its wastes into the creek.

"The great value of these areas," Dr. Sha'er said, "is that they are very beautiful green spaces. We should try to keep them that way."

After becoming minister, Dr. Sha'er called for a meeting of all those involved in the Fuheis-cement factory issue. This included the mayors of Fuheis and Mahis, and representatives from the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Health, the cement factory, the Natural Resources Authority, the Water Supply Corporation and the Department of the Environment.

They agreed to implement a three-point programme calling for proper filtration systems on all operating kiln stacks by August; construction of a JD 60,000 medical centre, as recommended by Mr. Rawabdeh, which will also serve as a mother and child care centre with emphasis on preventive medicine; the factory making proper use of Fuheis' excess water instead of drawing water from Mahis and recycling the water instead of pumping it into creek, and covering the ugly open drainage system by 1983. The company operating the quarry and the cement factory will also be asked to allocate in their annual budgets contributions to be used by the Fuheis and Mahis municipalities to beautify the area so that it will be more attractive to tourists.

"It's beautiful to think that as a result of a letter sent by the mayor of Fuheis in 1977," Dr. Sha'er said, "something has been done now in 1980. This was achieved by going step by step and getting everyone involved."

He added that information just released by the Minister of Health, Dr. Zuhair Malhas, shows that the cement dust poses no health threat. The dust leaves harmless marks on the lungs but does not affect their functioning.



Jahad Sharkas, the director of the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives, (far left) and Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat (second from left) head a meeting of Jordan's librarians at DLDNA headquarters in Amman Thursday on the occasion of National Book Week.

## National Book Week, libraries department as union catalogue, book depository law

Jordan Times  
Staff Reporter

April 3—Today a dedicated individuals get credit for their valour behind the scenes lived praise from the Ministry of Culture, Mr. Taher

Sharkas, the director of the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA), has been

honoured for his role in the establishment of National Book Week on Tuesday, the main discussion, chaired by

the department's director, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, were the development of a union catalogue and a book depository law.

A union catalogue would put together a comprehensive bibliography of all books in the seven major libraries in Jordan, including the ones at Yarmouk University, the University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society. Complementing the union catalogue would be a national inter-library lending service.

Dr. Sharkas stressed the importance of the union catalogue to the Jordan Times: "I believe this is a national need. We are a small nation with limited resources, so coordination is very basic and would be a step towards the department creating a national information network." The catalogue and lending service would prevent duplication of books in national libraries and

allow them to spread their services and broaden the number of people using them with the least expense.

Mr. Hikmat also asserted the importance of the project, saying that the government had a responsibility to bring it to life and not bury it in bureaucracy. Mr. Mahmoud Hayem, a participant in the discussion from the private sector, said that the catalogue should be a cooperative effort from all sectors of society as it would result in a "low-cost method of satisfying the citizen's thirst for knowledge."

The other matter discussed today was the establishment of a depository law for all books published in Jordan or by Jordanians. This law would require that copies of any such books be submitted to the DLDNA's public library.

The group today reached a consensus on the necessity of both projects and formed committees to formulate their frameworks.

The department has issued posters and bookmarks with slogans such as "Let's read a lot, talk less and act more." Yesterday Mr. Hikmat opened a book exhibition at the department. The colourful and well-arranged exhibition has grouped together books in both English and Arabic,

according to reading ability as it corresponds to child growth. One corner is devoted to books printed in Jordan and another corner contains the small library of a Jordanian child. The exhibition has been staged in coordination with the education department of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA).

National Book Week is being held in response to a call by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), which named 1972 the "Year of the Book". Countries all over the world since then have held annual national book weeks during the first week of April.

As part of its programme to help spread the library and documentation concept and to promote "the habit of reading as security against illiteracy", DLDNA is sending a number of book collections to small public libraries in various parts of the kingdom.

The book exhibition, at the department of libraries located in the New Insurance Building on Third Circle, Jabal Amman, will continue through Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 and 5.

## Japanese foreign minister wants to visit Jordan, Kuwait

TOKYO, April 3 (R) — Japanese Foreign Minister Shiro Okita hopes to visit several Middle East countries, possibly Jordan and Kuwait, after the Venice economic summit in June, informed sources here said today.

The sources said Mr. Okita wanted to visit Middle East countries which were not on the itinerary in February and March of his predecessor, Sunao Sonoda.

Mr. Sonoda, as a special envoy for Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, visited the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Syria, Oman and Saudi Arabia to discuss events in Afghanistan and Iran, as well as stable oil supplies for Japan.

Japan relies on the Middle East, mainly Saudi Arabia, for about 80 per cent of its oil supplies and has promised increased economic cooperation with the area.

## Tell Brak in northeast Syria hides mysteries the eye cannot penetrate

By Pat McDonnell  
Special to the Jordan Times

DAMASCUS — Dr. David Oates is digging at Tell Brak again.

The noted archaeologist and professor at the London Institute of Archaeology is resuming his third expedition (1976, 1978, 1980) at Tell Brak, a site between Qamishli and Hama in northeastern Syria which was excavated by Max Mallowan in 1937 and 1938.

The late Prof. Mallowan was married to Agatha Christie who accompanied her husband on his excavations, and as a result chose sites in the Middle East as the setting for many of her mystery stories.

"Tell Brak is enormous, the size

of Nineveh," said Dr. Oates. "During the forthcoming two-month season, we hope to excavate an open area next to a fortified governor's palace that dates to the Akkadian period of Narim-Sin."

"In previous excavations, we found a series of palaces, the latest of which dates to the 4th millennium B.C. Since the famous Tell Brak 'Eye' Temple excavated by Max Mallowan is well dated, we are using it as a reference point."

Dr. Oates is accompanied this season by Dr. Thomas Holland of Oxford University and London University, who excavated at Tell Sweyhat during 1973-75.

In 1978, Dr. Oates found what he terms a "mysterious" shaft, as its original purpose was not to serve as a well. The upper levels were dated to the early dynastic period, around 2600 B.C., but as investigation proceeded, pottery sherds were recovered which belong to the late fifth millennium B.C.

During the forthcoming season, Dr. Oates hopes to establish the importance of Tell Brak during the fifth to third millennia B.C.

"During this early period, Tell Brak was at the crossing of Jazirah and the eastern tributaries of the Euphrates River west of the marshes," he said.

"To the west of Tell Brak is an extinct volcano filled with lava. The volcano impeded traffic for traders coming up from the Tigris River. Traders crossing the mountainous region had to pass through Tell Brak to reach Mardin, one of the ancient sources of copper."

Dr. Oates noted a curious thing about Ancient Mesopotamia is that even though copper was available, skilled copper working does not appear until the Early Dynastic II period, around 2700



Sketch of the alabaster "eye" amulets recovered by the thousands from Tell Brak. (Sketch by Samir Twaïr)

B.C. "The populace was aware of copper — we find fifth millennium B.C. sites in the Khabor basin that contain copper slag — but not worked copper."

Dr. Oates stated that habitation ended at Tell Brak around 1200 B.C.

His fascination with Tell Brak may stem from the fact that Nineveh is covered with late Assyrian buildings whereas he can concentrate on earlier periods at Tell Brak.

As for the exotic eye amulets that have become a symbol of Tell Brak, Dr. Oates refers to a theory proposed by Prof. Mallowan. His idea was that the thousands of alabaster eyes ranging in size from one centimetre to two metres recovered from the temple signify they were votive articles and the temple was a medical centre for victims of eye disease.

"We don't intend to excavate further in the area of the 'Eye'

temple," Dr. Oates said, "because we would probably uncover thousands more of the objects and we would unintentionally encourage further illicit digging for the amulets which are prized on the antiquities market."

Another objective of this year's expedition is to open an additional 400 square metres of Akkadian ruins which were destroyed by fire.

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at McDonnell  
Damascus

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her favourite films is Aftermath" and deals of the Palestinians fol- 1967 War. It has been in seven languages in 600 prints. She recalls on location in the West had some trepidations y of her film crew who y photograph Israeli razing Palestinian

"I took the camera and started shooting," she recalled. "To my amazement, the Israelis were so proud of their victory, they asked me which angle I wanted to photograph the bulldozers from."

Another favourite film is "Bells of Bethlehem," produced in 1954. It told the story of Palestinians who had lived within the sound of the church bells of Bethlehem. "Bridge on the Jordan" has been distributed to three NET.T.V. stations in the U.S. and "Some of the Palestinians" is being distributed now.

Her illustrated booklet, "Twice in a Lifetime," has been printed in a quarter of a million copies and is recognised as one of the best documented and moving photographic accounts of the Palestinian tragedy.

Myrtle's husband left last Sunday for their home in Cannes. In Syria, his work involved training up to 30 Syrian engineers on the job. The integrated agricultural development project he was in charge of were: Deir Ez-Zor, irrigation of salty soils; Damascus, Tartous and Latakia, greenhouses; and Qamishli, improvement of agricultural techniques. In his spare time, he has delved into underwater archaeology and was instrumental in discovering Phoenician ports off the coasts of Cyprus and Malta.

Myrtle will be seeing friends in Amman before departing for Geneva where she and her two cats, Bushkin and Mini, will be met by friends from UNICEF.

The Chaumenys will be busy sailing their 41 foot ketch anchored in Rhodes (Myrtle was commodore of the Beirut Race Club and a seven-time winner of the racing championship). The couple also plan to maintain a flat in Beirut indefinitely — so it's only a temporary goodbye that friends are saying.

Prof. Edmund Buchner, President of the prestigious German Archaeological Institute of West Berlin, is in Damascus. His institute is sponsoring an excavation at Rusafa, which he will visit in addition to meeting with Dr. Michael Meinecke who is establishing a German Archaeological Institute in Damascus, the latest in a series of institutes in Baghdad, Cairo, Sanaa and Istanbul.

Dr. Eva Strommenger of the

Berlin Museum of Prehistory and Early History is to finalise the selection, cataloguing and photographing of approximately 270 priceless Syrian museum pieces which will go to Germany as a travelling exhibit in spring 1982. "Syria: the Seat of Early Civilisation and Cultural Exchange" is the title of the exhibition. Dr. Strommenger is ideally suited to the job of selecting antiquities inasmuch as she was the chief excavator of the mid-fourth millennium B.C. Sumerian site of Tell Hubba Kabira on the Euphrates. She first gained worldwide recognition for her excavation of Uruk in Iraq. Later this year she will launch an expedition of the third-second millennia B.C. site of Tutul at Tell B'ra near Raqqa.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Syrian film director Amin Bunnai who received a first place golden award at the Baghdad Film Festival for his documentary, "Palestine: The Roots." The 45-minute colour film tells the history of Palestine since its pre-history and then examines the legitimacy of the Balfour Declaration and the violations of international law during the partition of Palestine. The film will be distributed to local cinemas and TV stations within a matter of weeks according to the jubilant director.

MARCH has been the month for departures, and one couple everyone is sorry to say goodbye to are Patrick and Stacy Theros. Mr. Theros has been commercial secretary at the American embassy in Damascus since 1976. He leaves Tuesday for Abu Dhabi to begin a new post as deputy chief of mission. The Theroses have many friends in Amman where he served as commercial secretary from 1970 to 1974. Patrick and Stacy have very special feelings about Damascus where their two children, Nicholas and Marika, were born. The couple have been feted at a round of parties too lengthy to describe here, but one of the more memorable gatherings was given by Dirk de Winter, first secretary at the Belgian embassy, and his wife. New on the scene is Harm Boije, a Cairo-based correspondent for NOS-TV of Holland, who is staying in Damascus as the guest of Marcel and Betsy Kurpersmoek of the Dutch embassy.

## TODAY'S WEATHER

It will be partly cloudy with a slight rise in temperature. Winds will be westerly moderate. In Akaba the wind will be northerly light with calm seas.

	Overnight	Daytime
	low	high
Amman	8	17
Aqaba	7	28
Deserts	10	22
Jordan Valley	15	24

## LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	308.00/310.00
U.K. sterling	663.00/667.00
West German mark	157.50/158.50
Swiss franc	165.90/166.90
French franc	68.30/68.70
Italian lire	
(for every 100)	34.00/34.20
Japanese yen	
(for every 100)	120.00/120.70
Dutch guilder	144.40/145.30
Swedish crown	68.50/68.90
Belgian franc	98.10/98.70

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# Economic News Briefs

## "Dollar rise undercuts oil pricing issue"

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) -- Saudi Arabia's Finance Minister said yesterday the renewed strength of the U.S. dollar had undercut the argument for switching to a so-called "basket" of currencies for pricing oil. Mr. Mohammad Abul Khail told a new conference there was no longer any reason to criticize U.S. policy on the dollar, in which oil prices are now denominated, because of its rising value on the world's foreign exchanges.

He also praised President Carter's latest anti-inflation programme, saying he believed it would help control global inflation and stabilise the international economy. He appeared with Treasury Secretary William Miller at the end of a two-day working session of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian joint commission on economic cooperation.

Mr. Miller said there had been a general exchange of views but no detailed discussion of the price of oil. Mr. Abul Khail said he expected the role of the U.S.-Saudi joint economic commission to expand during Saudi Arabia's third five-year plan, which he said would strive to increase productivity by stressing development of the industrial and agricultural sectors.

The commission's goal is to promote economic cooperation and closer ties between the two countries. Technical assistants from the U.S. government and private industry are helping the Saudis on 19 projects sponsored by the commission. Among these is one to develop solar energy for electricity and for a plant to operate a solar-powered system to remove salt from seawater.

The status of all 19 projects was discussed in meetings yesterday between U.S. officials and the 14-man Saudi delegation. Mr. Miller said.

## Japan penetrates American rice markets

TOKYO, April 3 (R) -- U.S. officials are worried that Japan may export up to one million tonnes of surplus rice this year, disrupting traditional American markets, U.S. government sources said here.

The U.S. Rice Millers Association had consulted President Carter's office of the special trade representative on steps needed to force retaliatory action against Japan if it did not scale down its plans, the sources said.

Under a five-year programme, Japan planned to export only some 200,000 tonnes of surplus rice a year from 1979, but in the fiscal year ended March 31 it shipped about 800,000 tonnes of heavily subsidised rice to Indonesia, Bangladesh, South Korea, Tanzania and other countries.

Japanese Agriculture Minister Mamoru Sawabe will meet U.S. Deputy Agriculture Secretary Dale Hathaway here on April 10 for talks on the rice issue, informed sources said.

## IMF concludes gold sale

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) -- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) sold 444,000 ounces of gold yesterday at an average price of \$484.01 an ounce and will add the proceeds to its trust fund to help the world's poorest countries.

The latest auction produced about \$196 million for the fund, bringing the total from gold sales to \$4.44 billion. The price of gold in New York before the sale was about \$496 an ounce.

The next sale, the last in the present four-year series, is scheduled for May 7.

## Nigeria hikes oil prices

LONDON, April 3 (Agencies) -- Nigeria is raising its oil price by 51 cents a barrel, about 1.5 per cent, western oil industry officials said today.

A spokesman for the Royal Dutch Shell group said the company had been notified that a 51 cent increment had been placed on Nigerian oil, bringing its top grade crudes up to \$34.72 a barrel. The adjustment brings Nigeria into line with Libya, which is also charging \$34.72 for a barrel of its top quality crude.

The new Nigerian price is nearly one dollar a barrel above the present "marker" rate of \$33.75 for oil from the British Petroleum (BP) Forthies field in the North Sea.

British North Sea pricing tends to follow the lead given by African producers of similar quality oil such as Nigeria. The Nigerian adjustment follows Iran's \$2.50 a barrel price increase this week.

Iran is also adding a three dollar premium to half the oil it sells under contract and, according to informed sources in Tehran, it is raising this to \$4.50 for new customers. Industry sources say Kuwait is also placing a \$5.50 premium on at least half the oil it is selling under new contracts to BP, Shell and the U.S. Gulf Oil Corporation.

Producers are able to charge more, despite a present, modest glut of oil in the market, because buyers, especially the oil majors, are worried about the supply outlook and are anxious to have assured contract access to crude.

Producers such as Kuwait, down by 500,000 barrels a day since April 1, are trimming output and diverting more crude away from the major international oil companies to state corporations, smaller independent firms and the spot market.

Production of crude oil in Nigeria, one of the world's leading producers, has fallen 11.6 per cent from levels a year ago. Latest figures issued by the oil producers trade section of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry showed production running at 90,594 million gallons a day.

Noting the decline from a year ago, present production generally is in line with output since last August, when the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. ordered a 10 per cent cut in production to keep up prices. Corporation officials have refused to say whether they are planning another reduction in line with reported cutbacks by some fellow members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 3 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the closing on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets:

One sterling	2.1385/1405	U.S. dollar
One Canadian dollar	83.94/97	U.S. cents
One U.S. dollar	1.9650/65	West German mark
	2.1325/50	Dutch guilders
	1.8650/700	Swiss francs
	31.43/48	Belgian francs
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	5.16/17	Norwegian crowns
	6.06/07	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	481.00/484.00	U.S. dollars

## LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 3 (R) -- The market closed quietly mixed on 1500 the FT index was down 0.8 at 431.3.

Short dated government bonds ended slightly firmer but long maturities were as much as 1/2 point easier after speculation in new 'top' stock issue, dealers added.

Oils and insurances finished harder but chemicals and metals eased. Gold shares declined with the bullion price. U.S. Canadian stocks ended mixed.

Shell, Barmah and Ultramar all added 2p while most insurances were a penny to 4p higher. Natwest and Lloyds, however, lost with falls of a penny or two noted in Beecham, Fisons and ICI.

Results left Babcock International 2p weaker but Furness 2p up.

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Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Forget a temptation to go hing glittering that could end up in trouble. Be stic about the future.

S (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't make any changes u have made with others or you could regret it. you are truly devoted to loved one.

l (May 21 to June 21) A good day to handle fiairs which you've had little time for lately. lks with your reputation now.

**CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Be patient at and rectify any mistakes that may take place. r hunches which are accurate now.

y 22 to Aug. 21) Take care you don't spend un- leasures this evening or you will surely regret / to please your mate more.

Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Know what your greatest ad go after them in a positive manner. Avoid detrimental to your progress.

Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Much care in motion is now since either you or others could make strive for increased happiness.

O (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Use good common sense matters now and don't delve into any financial re shady. Steer clear of trouble.

ARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You could make a sion in a business matter today, so stall for ait for another day.

ORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Friends could cause involved in activities that are not good for you, ur distance for the time being.

US (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have a good at ahead in career activities if you get an early Making new contacts is wise now.

(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Having a more modern ap- ersonal dealings with others makes you more y. Think along optimistic lines.

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## JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

## Kenyan Safari flagged off

NAIROBI, April 3 (R) — Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi today flagged off the cars at the start of the gruelling 5,510-kilometre Kenya Safari motor rally. Weather experts were predicting scattered showers and thunderstorms on the 1,889-kilometre first leg which takes competitors to western Kenya and back here tomorrow evening.

Shekhar Mehta, a Uganda-born British national living in Kenya, who won last year for the second time was first away in a Japanese works team Datsun 160J. He was followed by the 1978 winner, Frenchman Jean Pierre Nicolas in a West German factory team Opel Ascona 400.

Mehta is only joint second favourite for a Nairobi bookmaker who quotes him at odds of seven to one together with 1977 winner Bjorn Waldegaard of Sweden, who is in a West German factory Mercedes Benz 450SLC, and Rauno Aaltonen of Finland in a factory team Datsun 160J.

Finland's Hannu Mikkola, who started in tenth position in a works team Mercedes Benz 450SLC, emerged today as the bookmaker's top favourites at 6-1.

Mikkola was the first man from outside East Africa to win the Safari in 1972 and last year came first in the Bandura rally of Ivory Coast — the only other world championship rally in Africa — in which the Mercedes factory had a clean sweep of the top four places.

Mercedes are making an all-out bid to win this year's race after two unsuccessful years and have the most elaborate communication and service system in this year's event, which includes three light aircraft, a helicopter and special trucks to help their four cars out of mud. Datsun, also with four cars, have a large number of service mechanics and are determined to keep their grip on the Safari honours.

The rally ends on Monday.

## UK football roundup

LONDON, April 3 (R) — Nottingham Forest beat second-placed Manchester United 2-0 in a pre-Easter first division soccer match last night, so effectively strengthening Liverpool's prospects of retaining the championship and themselves keeping contact with the serious pursuers.

Ipswich and Arsenal, contesting third place, endured contrasting evenings. Ipswich stretched their unbeaten league run to 18 matches with a 2-0 win in London over Arsenal's neighbours, Tottenham. Paul Mariner's header gave them a half-time lead and defender Russell Osman hit a late second goal.

Meanwhile, Arsenal missed a penalty at Norwich after Graham Rix had put them ahead. David Jones made it level and Justin Fashanu snapped up the winner for Norwich 11 minutes from time. Stand-in goalkeeper Roger Hansbury, who saved Iliam Brady's penalty, was the hero in Norwich's first win in 13 matches.

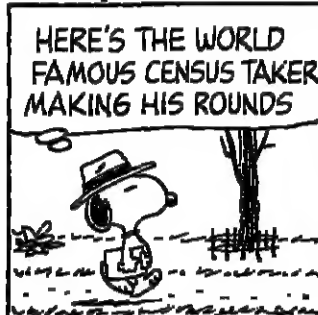
Ipswich move two points clear of Arsenal who, like Forest, also have European semi-finals matches to complete their programme.

## W. German leads in chess championship

BAD LAUTERBERG, West Germany, April 3 (R) — West German grandmaster Robert Huebner and Hungarian Andras Adorjan drew the eighth game in their world chess championship candidates match here last night. The draw left Huebner leading by 4½ to 3½ points with only two games remaining.

The German, playing black, surprised Adorjan by opting for the solid Russian defence, an unusual choice for him. The Hungarian lost a great deal of time in a vain search for an advantageous line and finally offered a draw after his 14th move, which Huebner accepted.

## Peanuts



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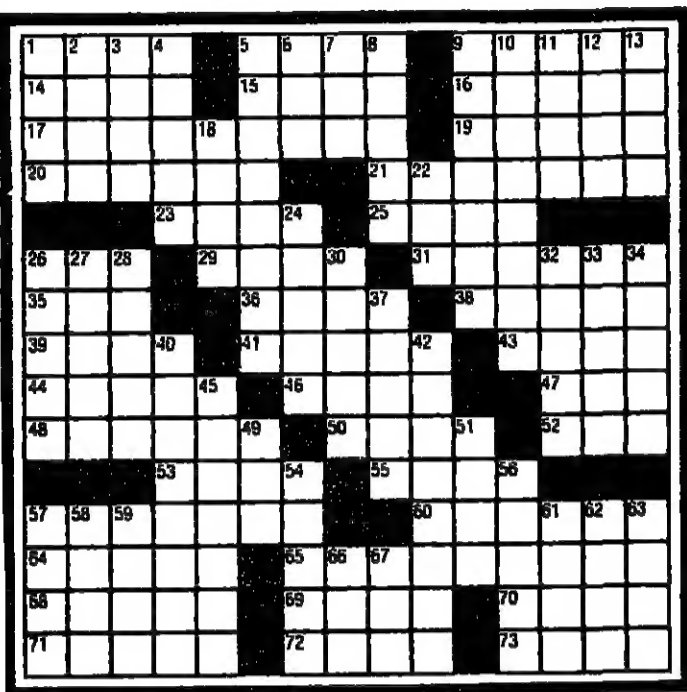


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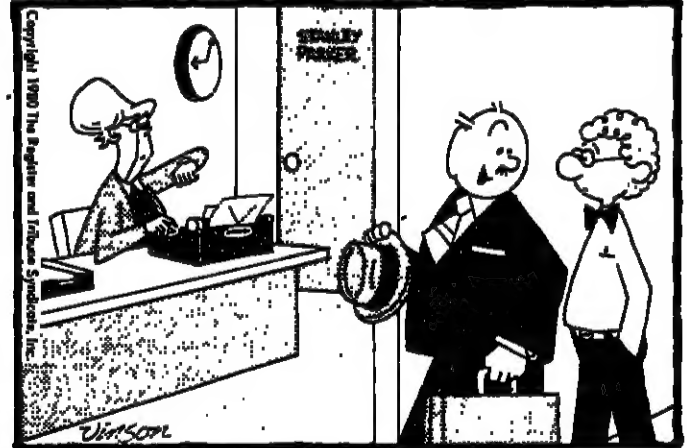
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1 Persian poet	31 Gave courage	55 Even	18 Hoarfrost
5 Pretentious display	35 Waiter's expectation	57 Failed	22 Long time
9 Clump of brushwood	36 Tortilla	60 System of defense	26 Unbending
14 Rabbit	38 Paris' river	64 Seething	27 Malayan island
15 Drug plant	39 Moslem priest	68 Banana fam- ily plant	28 Swiftly
16 Got another crew	41 Hatful one	69 Singer Joan	30 Car
17 Office systems	43 Adore	71 Hair	32 String
19 Oak's beginning	45 Concentrate	72 Diminutive	33 Compete
20 Person's brainpower	47 Irish	73 Cut, old style	34 Steel plow
21 Mexican drink	48 — go (at liberty)		37 Beginning of religious
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		7 Turkey	58 Building unit
		8 Piquant	59 Area
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		10 Happened again	62 Far: pref.
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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## THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



"I can't wait to meet my temporary secretary. The agency said she's quite efficient."

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

## JORDAN TELEVISION

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16:15 Cartoons	16:30 Children's programme
16:35 Religious programme	16:50 The Wings
17:00 National Drama	17:15 Thriller
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18:00 Soccer	18:15 Varieties
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9:15 Doha, Abu Dhabi	
10:00 Beirut	
12:05 Kuwait (KAC)	
12:25 Beirut, Baghdad (LN)	
13:25 Cairo (EA)	
15:35 Jeddah, Medina (SDI)	
16:45 Cairo	
17:30 Paris	
17:45 New York, Amsterdam	
18:10 Madrid, Athens	
18:45 London	
19:30 Frankfurt	
19:45 Beirut (MEA)	
21:35 Frankfurt, Munich, Dammam	
21:45 Dammam	
22:55 Cairo (EA)	



## Warnings of unrest in other cities Britain orders inquiry into rioting in Bristol

BRISTOL, England, April 3 (R) — A night of rioting and looting by predominantly black youths in this major western England port today triggered alarms amongst politicians and community workers concerned with rising social problems in Britain's deprived inner-city regions.

As Home Secretary William Whitelaw told Parliament he had ordered a policy inquiry into the violence which claimed 28 injured and caused widespread damage to property, community relations organisations warned of simmering unrest in other cities suffering from Britain's economic decline.

Police, politicians and social workers agreed the Bristol battle was not a race riot in that it pitted black against white. They portrayed it as an explosion of

resentment by an underprivileged community which manifested itself in brick and bottle throwing attacks on police as symbols of authority.

"It only needs a spark and this kind of thing can erupt," said a spokesman for the Commission for Racial Equality. "Violence could come in areas of London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Wolverhampton or any rundown area of a city where there are youngsters out of work."

"This is a problem that involves

all young unemployed people who feel cheated by the system," the commission said. "Unless we pour money into these areas, this type of thing will happen again."

Nineteen police and nine civilians were injured in running battles in the mainly West Indian ghetto of St. Paul's, near Bristol city centre, after police searching for drugs and drink offenders raided a local club. Twenty-one people were arrested.

Police estimated there were 300 hard-core rioters amongst up to 22,000 people milling about amidst flames and flying missiles in scenes reminiscent of the first explosions of unrest in Northern Ireland ten years ago.

Outnumbered police withdrew as gangs set fire to shops, offices and cars. Smashed glass and goods discarded by looters today littered the area and the atmosphere was described by police as calm but tense.

Police Chief Brian Weigh told reporters he and his men had been surprised by the suddenness and ferocity of the outbreak as they believed they had enjoyed good community relations in the ghetto.

Bristol, an ancient port which made a fortune out of the 17th and 18th century slave trade between Africa and the West Indian plantation colonies, has a population of about 500,000 of whom 12,000 are black, mainly West Indian.

## U.S. expects allied support in event of Soviet ME offensive

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) — The United States expects allied support in dealing with any Soviet offensive in the Middle East but knows it will have to bear the main burden of defending the oil lifeline, a senior Defence Department official said yesterday.

Mr. Robert Komer, under secretary of defence for policy, said the United States wanted both its European allies and Japan to take over more of their own defence and also expected the European allies to take part in defending the Gulf region.

Mr. Komer was testifying to a House of Representatives foreign affairs subcommittee on U.S. actions to protect Western interests in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Echoing congressional criticism of alleged lack of allied support in the Afghanistan crisis, Illinois Republican Mr. Paul Findley told Mr. Komer there would be enormous public resistance to a long U.S. role in meeting a Soviet threat to world

oil supplies.

He said it would be a serious error if the United States did not get an assurance of allied support from the first moment of a Soviet threat.

Mr. Komer replied that "We are actively working on that problem" and the United States would not be left alone in such a situation. "We count on and expect allied participation—just allied economic participation," he said.

Other administration officials have previously said the allies should take over more of the burden of defence in their own areas, allowing the United States to devote more resources to the Middle East.

The United States is seeking access to ports and airfields in Oman, Kenya and Somalia to support an increased presence in the region. It also plans to position ships with heavy equipment for use by troops to be flown in during a crisis and to make improvements to the naval base on the British-owned Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

## Kabul reports security forces victory

KABUL, April 3 (R) — Afghan security forces have wiped out a group of anti-government rebels and seized a large quantity of weapons, Kabul Radio reported.

The radio said the subversive elements and bandits, terms used to describe tribal guerrillas fighting Afghanistan's Soviet-backed ruler, had been liquidated recently in Ghazni province south-west of the capital. It gave no casualty figures, but said the captured weapons were of U.S., Chinese and Pakistani manufacture.

Diplomatic sources in Kabul said fighting had also taken place elsewhere near the Pakistani border in the past few days. They said there were clashes near Jalalabad, about 150 kilometres east of Kabul on the main road to Pakistan, where rebels partly destroyed a road bridge last week.

The sources said a big convoy of Soviet tanks and other armoured vehicles had left Kabul in the Jalalabad direction late last week.

The Afghan authorities have said that Soviet troops in Afghanistan, numbering about 85,000 according to Western sources, were not taking part in the fighting.

The official Bakhtar News Agency said that almost 1,500 people, arrested in Kabul six weeks ago following violent

demonstrations against last December's Soviet military intervention, have been released after questioning. The agency said 72 people were released last week, and the others had been freed earlier.

Foreign residents in Kabul said at least 2,000 people were arrested during and after the demonstrations in which hundreds were believed to have been killed or wounded in clashes with security forces.

## Four Italian Red Brigades suspects indicted in France

PARIS, April 3 (R) — Four Italians suspected of belonging to the Red Brigades urban guerrilla group were charged today with conspiracy, robbery and subversion and remanded in custody to appear before France's State Security Court, court sources said.

The Italian Government is to seek the extradition of three of the four guerrilla suspects to face accusations of involvement in the 1978 kidnapping and murder of former prime minister Aldo Moro, according to police sources in Rome.

The three sought in the Moro case, named as Franco Pinna, 29, Enrico Bianchi, 28, and his wife Oriana Marchionni, 28, were arrested in the Riviera port city of Toulon last weekend during a nationwide sweep against suspected urban guerrillas.

Court sources said the four are accused of taking part in a bank hold-up last Aug. 28 at Condes-sur-Isère, near the Belgian frontier, which netted some 16 million francs (\$3.5 million). The sum is alleged to have gone into the Red Brigades' coffers.

Fifteen of 17 other urban guerrilla suspects who appeared before Examining Magistrate Michel Legendre at the Paris law courts during a marathon session ending just before dawn were charged and remanded in custody. Two were released.

The 15, thought to be involved with the shadowy "Direct Action Group," are accused of bomb attacks, attempted murder and subversion, and will be tried by the State Security Court, the sources said.

Police believe the "Direct Action Group," which has carried out attacks on French public buildings, has close links with the Red Brigades.

## U.N. Cyprus efforts fail

NICOSIA, April 3 (R) — Efforts to bring the two communities on the divided island of Cyprus to the negotiating table have failed, a United Nations report said today. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim blamed the failure on divergent and tenacious views held by the Turkish and Greek-Cypriot communities about the basis for an eventual solution. The last round of talks between the two communities broke up last June.

Publication of the U.N. report was held up for a few days during a final flurry of talks aimed at breaking the deadlock. A copy of the report was released in Nicosia. The report, requested by the General Assembly, said efforts stumbled over the question of security for the Turkish-Cypriot community and different interpretations of suggestions to make the island bizonal.

Proposals for a bizonal territorial arrangement were to have been tabled at the negotiations by Mr. Waldheim in an opening statement outlining his understanding of common ground between the two communities.

The Greek-Cypriot side wanted the statement to be non-binding with each team having the opportunity to place its position on record. Turkish-Cypriots wanted the common ground to be negotiated beforehand and the statement binding.

Mr. Waldheim reaffirmed in the report his faith in intercommunal talks for achieving a lasting political settlement.

## U.S. to launch 'all-out' domestic campaign to bolster call for Moscow games boycott

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) — The United States government will launch a campaign to reinforce its call for a U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics in face of a determined counter-effort by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), administration officials said yesterday.

The officials angrily criticised the USOC for what they termed intense lobbying of sports officials and sportswriters around the country to press for an end to the boycott, called in protest against the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

"A small group of wilful people are ignoring both the pledge of the U.S. Olympic Committee in February, American public opinion and the clear imperative that the Soviet Union should not score propaganda victory," a senior State Department official told Reuters.

"We are now going to make a collective all-out effort to remind the people of this country and the members of the USOC of the absolute immorality of doing business as usual with a country that is destroying another country," he said.

The launching of the administration campaign follows several setbacks abroad. These include decisions by the Norwegian, British and Canadian Olympic Committees to attend the games and a refusal by the West German Government to take a decision until late May.

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Vance telephoned West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher several days ago to ask for a more forthcoming attitude in support of the boycott, U.S. officials said.

The Bonn government has indicated it would oppose West German participation should Soviet troops still be in Afghanistan in May, and its final decision is expected to affect many West European and Third World nations.

Diplomatic sources doubted that the administration's effort would succeed. "I can see the American concern that the whole structure is rocky. But they can't push us to make an earlier decision," one West European diplomat said.

But U.S. officials said Mr. Genscher had accepted a U.S. request that West German diplomats explain the likely Bonn decision to boycott the games to African and Latin American nations that are expected to follow the West German lead.

The main United States effort over the next ten days will be to convince U.S. public opinion to support the boycott, which President Carter announced on Jan. 20. "If we stand firm, we'll get the others," the State Department official said. "The European attitude is totally dependent on us."

The new U.S. determination corresponds to a fear among top officials that public opinion may be starting to shift away from the

previous overwhelming support for a boycott.

Both houses of Congress passed near-unanimous resolutions in favour of a boycott in January, and a USOC-commissioned poll found public support of more than two-to-one in early March.

Now there are other straws in the wind. Mr. Ronald Reagan, clear leader in the race for the Republican Party presidential nomination, said on Monday that athletes and not the government should decide on their participation.

Mr. Reagan had earlier supported President Carter's boycott call but said last week he was changing his view. He said he had a "sympathetic feeling for the youngsters who worked their heads off" training for the Moscow games.

State Department officials coordinating the U.S. effort said there was a 50-50 chance of

achieving an effective boycott involving most major sporting nations. They said support was still fairly firm in many countries, but it was essential that the United States take a strong lead.

According to a State Department tally, 30 other governments have come out in support of a boycott and 21 national Olympic committees. Another 25 to 30 governments had indicated privately that they would support a boycott, officials said.

Soviet officials said last week that 105 countries had indicated they would take part in the games, although only 30 had given formal and binding replies to the Soviet invitation.

National Olympic committees, which function independently of governments in most Western countries, have until May 24 formally to accept or decline the Soviet invitation.

## Glimmer of hope for Kampuchea

By Bernard Melunsky

**BANGKOK--As Kampuchea struggles to rebuild its economy after more than ten years of war, revolution, famine and yet more war, glimmers of hope are rare.**

Yet an international expert has provided one with a prediction that this fertile country could recover from its battering and become self-sufficient in its two main food items, rice and fish, within two or three years.

And the Vietnamese-backed government, in a morale-boosting move, has decided to reintroduce currency into a barter economy where goods are purchased mainly by rice, gold and Vietnamese or Thai money.

However, the harsh reality of Kampuchea today is that it is heading inexorably towards severe food shortages for the rest of the year, and that it will need a dramatic infusion of rice seed very soon if it is to avoid being dependent on international charity in 1981.

Already, the ill-fated country is feeling the pinch of fresh hunger after managing, with outside assistance, to overcome famine last year. Empty stomachs again threaten the stirrings of economic revival, centred on agriculture and fishing but including the reactivation of light industry especially in and around Phnom Penh.

The numbers of people coming to the Thai border either to settle or to collect international relief supplies are showing definite signs of increasing as the rainy season draws closer.

Diplomats believe many will choose to stay in makeshift settlements along the border rather than return to their villages after

May when heavy rains will place an even greater strain on internal relief distribution.

### Perpetual movement

Inside Kampuchea, the perpetual movement that has characterised the country since the harsh Khmer Rouge regime was ousted from Phnom Penh in January last year is continuing as people search for food and lost relatives.

Members of international organisations who have visited Kampuchea recently have noted streams of people heading into urban areas, particularly Phnom Penh.

"One reason is certainly because of the prospect of shortages of goods and actual shortages of food in some cases," said Mr. John Saunders, head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) mission in Kampuchea.

"People you see in the streets of Phnom Penh and around the station in some cases are physically hungry and in some cases have not eaten well or sometimes at all," he added in an interview.

"There may be other reasons in that efforts are being made to restore the factories and general commercial operations in the city of Phnom Penh. So, probably a number of people are coming simply to find jobs."

Mr. Saunders said small businesses were growing, "so that in many ways the city seems to offer the prospect of cash, perhaps security, perhaps food."

He said UNICEF would have to bring in between 270,000 and 300,000 tons of food aid this year at least 50,000 tons more than was originally projected. The extra amount needed to avert starvation is due to the almost total failure of the small mid-year dry season harvest.

However, Mr. Saunders is optimistic about Kampuchea

reaching self-sufficiency in food in a relatively short time, saying that after talking to experts and the Phnom Penh government he felt this could be achieved for rice and fish within two to three years.

Such an achievement would go a long way towards restoring Kampuchea to something like the normality of life before 1970, when it was engulfed in a brutal civil war that culminated with the Khmer Rouge takeover in April 1975.

### Subsistence economy

In the pre-coup era, Kampuchea produced enough food to feed itself, even becoming a small exporter. It was very largely a subsistence economy, with potentially valuable forests, rubber plantations in the east and some light import-substitute industries, mainly textile factories.

The civil war damaged this, and the four-and-a-half years of radical Khmer Rouge revolution brought almost everything but agriculture to a standstill. Despite the emphasis on working in the fields, most Kampucheans during the Khmer Rouge rule toiled long hours for barely enough food to survive.

In the aftermath of the Vietnamese-led seizure of government 15 months ago, little rice was planted, leading to a poor year-end harvest. People were on the move, either fleeing the continued fighting, heading for Thailand or searching for members of families broken up during the shattering revolution.

Famine raged during the second half of last year, sending thousands of human skeletons towards Thailand. Many did not survive the journey, succumbing either to starvation or malaria.

An international rescue operation was mounted by the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross, as

well as various non-governmental organisations. According to the Phnom Penh government, Vietnam and the Soviet Union gave 300,000 tons of food and medical aid.

### Food distribution

After a long period in which food piled up in warehouses at the two main ports of Phnom Penh and Kompong Som, relief agency officials reported recently that large amounts were being transported to the interior and distributed. Hundreds of thousands are being fed by an unofficial "land bridge" from the Thai border.

However, problems of port facilities and transport — Kampuchea's roads are in a bad state — will almost certainly continue, and distribution will be even more difficult during the heavy rains.

Distribution of food and medical aid stands at the core of Kampuchea's economic revival, since people engaged in rebuilding agriculture or industry must be strong enough to work.

While international agencies have already begun pushing quantities of rice seed across the Thai border and are planning an airlift to Phnom Penh, there are few signs that Kampuchea can hope to get the 60,000 tons of seed experts here consider necessary to ensure a good end-of-year main harvest.

The official Phnom Penh Radio frequently broadcasts reports that people in the provinces are preparing land for agriculture and developing irrigation.

One of the tragic ironies of the situation is that Kampuchea was once one of Southeast Asia's biggest rice producers. It also has the greatest fresh-water fish resources in the region and recent visitors report production heading towards normal around the great inland lake of Tonle Sap.

## World News Briefs

ISLAMABAD, April 3 (R) — Pakistan yesterday challenged Indian study that said it was an emerging nuclear power and did not have the capacity to carry out a nuclear explosion near future. A statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dismissed the conclusions of the report, published last week by India's Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (ISDA). Pakistan could carry out its first atomic bomb test by the end of year or early in 1981. The publication of such a study at this "may well be an attempt to lead justification to India's own intentions and a prelude to a second Indian nuclear explosion" said. Pakistan was ready to enter into "serious discussions" India either bilaterally or in a multilateral forum like the U Nations to ensure that the region was kept free of nuclear weapons.

VATICAN, April 3 (AP) — More than 1,000 priests, bishop cardinals renewed their vows of celibacy and obedience with John Paul today as he opened four days of Easter celebrations, mass in St. Peter's Basilica. The Polish-born pontiff, wearing purple vestments, told the throng that Holy Thursday "devoted to priests as servants of God and the faithful." A crowd of 15,000 persons jammed the largest church in Christendom for a solemn ceremony.

MOSCOW, April 3 (R) — Soviet ballet officials said today a Russian dancer who defected to the United States had returned home today and would probably resume work in a few days. Stepanov, a 32-year-old dancer with the Moscow classical ballet, said. Mr. Stepanov left Washington on Tuesday after he convinced State Department officials in the press Soviet diplomats that he was going home voluntarily. He defected January while his troupe was touring Italy and sought asylum, United States. He joined the New Jersey Ballet and was preparing a lead role in New York when he stopped rehearsing at the March and apparently moved to the Soviet embassy in Washington.

SANTIAGO, April 3 (R) — Chile said last night it accepted explanations on President Augusto Pinochet's cancelled tour would therefore not break relations with Manila. A government spokesman said General Pinochet made his decision after receiving a letter, delivered by the Philippine ambassador in Washington, Philippine President Fernando Marcos. General Pinochet threatened to break relations with Manila after President Marcos said he would not be able to receive the Chilean president by urgent matters called him out of the Philippine capital. The Philippine Government later said the tour was cancelled because the guerrillas had gone to Manila to assassinate the Chilean president.

EDMONTON, Alberta, April 3 (R) — Canada's new Liberal government has decided to admit 10,000 more Indo-Chinese refugees year, Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy said yesterday. A press conference the quota had been raised to 60,000 from 50,000 to better reflect the original concept of the government-sponsored one refugee for each one sponsored by private groups. The Conservative government announced the matching formal summer but in December backed away from the commitment, the bulk of sponsorships would be left to private groups.

## And if he does, odds of nomination remain slim Kennedy 'must' win in Pennsylvania

WASHINGTON, April 3 (R) — In his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination, Senator Edward Kennedy has fallen into the role of a luckless gambler betting against the house.

Primary election losses to President Carter in Wisconsin and Kansas on Tuesday set Mr. Kennedy further back than he was two weeks ago, before he scored upset wins over Mr. Carter in New York and Connecticut.

Political analysts believe the senator must now win the next major primary, on April 22 in Pennsylvania, merely to retain a mathematical chance of eventual victory.

The crucial factor is in the arithmetic of state party delegates

to the Democratic national convention in New York in August which will choose the party's nominee for the November election. By unofficial count, Mr. Carter now has 906 of the 1,666 he needs to win. Mr. Kennedy has 451.

On the Republican side, the Wisconsin and Kansas results seemed to confirm that Mr. Ronald Reagan, the ex-film actor and former California governor, is coasting towards his party's nomination with even greater ease than Mr. Carter.

Mr. Reagan, the champion of right-wing conservatism, has now won Republican primaries in states with every type of ethnic mix, economic interest and voter

cross-section.

For his principal rival, former U.N. ambassador, Mr. George Bush, the Pennsylvania primary has been desperate a must-win affair for Mr. Kennedy.

Heading into Pennsylvania Reagan is estimated to lead of the 998 delegates needed for nomination. Mr. Bush had Illinois Congressman Anderson 56.

The races in both parts have been shaped into contests between a handful of candidates presidential selection process has grown more complex and unpredictable each election year.

When the 1960 Democratic race, won by Edward's brother John Kennedy, had just two major primaries in 37 states.

Critics complain the burgeoning primary season besides costing each candidate millions of dollars, creates a national process of psychological momentum that favours winners and focuses attention on image instead of issues.

When Senator Kennedy New York and Connecticut March 25, surveys showed voters for the first time turned against Mr. Carter, numbers because of satisfaction with his handling of the economy and foreign

But two extensive voters showed that the reverse was true. When Mr. Kennedy was among virtually every rich, poor, Catholic, Protestant, Jew and non-Jew, well educated and not educated, farmer, factory and office worker.

While Mr. Kennedy would fight all the way, August nominating contest necessary, he stands with a chance unless he wins in Pennsylvania.

That state, whose 185 delegate convention delegations the third-highest bloc Democratic convention, political profile which is made for the liberal senator Massachusetts.

It has a huge ethnic population and a network of powerful trade unions nowhere else along the primary road will be have favourable battleground.

But even should he win Iowa, the odds against remain overwhelming. For the Republicans, the delegates distribute their votes in proportion to popular vote won in each state. Thus, with fewer delegates left for selection means that Mr. Kennedy everywhere by rough to one margin just to Carter out of a majority.

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